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Adoption of decisions by the Thirtieth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol

Draft decisions for the consideration of the Thirtieth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. The purpose of the present note is to assist parties in the discussion of items on the agenda for the Thirtieth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer by presenting in a single document a number of draft decisions that are expected to be discussed at the meeting. The presentation of the draft decisions, which are set out in sections II and III below, does not preclude parties from proposing amendments to the draft decisions or proposing new draft decisions on any item on the agenda to be discussed and decided upon by the parties.

2. Section II sets out draft decisions that were considered by the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol at its fortieth meeting and forwarded by the Working Group for consideration by the Thirtieth Meeting of the Parties. The full set of draft decisions is enclosed in square brackets to indicate that they are expected to be considered, amended and adopted as deemed appropriate by the Thirtieth Meeting.

3. Section III sets out placeholder draft decisions prepared by the Secretariat pertaining to matters related to the Montreal Protocol on which parties have historically adopted decisions at their annual meetings.

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II. Draft decisions submitted by parties during the fortieth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group for consideration by the Thirtieth Meeting of the Parties

[A. Draft decision XXX/[A]: Unexpected emissions of trichlorofluoromethane (CFC-11)

Submission by the contact group on CFC-11 emissions

The Thirtieth Meeting of the Parties decides:

Noting the recent scientific findings showing that there has been an unexpected increase in global emissions of trichlorofluoromethane (CFC-11) since 2012, after the consumption and production phase-out date established under the Montreal Protocol,

Appreciating the efforts of the scientific community in providing that information,

Expressing serious concern about the substantial volume of unexpected emissions of CFC-11 in recent years,

1. To request the Scientific Assessment Panel to provide to the parties a summary report on the unexpected increase of CFC-11 emissions, which would supplement the information in the quadrennial assessment, including additional information regarding atmospheric monitoring and modelling, including underlying assumptions, with respect to such emissions; a preliminary summary report should be provided to the Open-ended Working Group at its forty-first meeting, a further update to the Thirty-First Meeting of the Parties and a final report to the Thirty-Second Meeting of the Parties;

2. To request the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel to provide the parties with information on potential sources of emissions of CFC-11 and related controlled substances from potential production and uses, as well as from banks, that may have resulted in emissions of CFC-11 in unexpected quantities in the relevant regions; a preliminary report should be provided to the Open-ended Working Group at its forty-first meeting and a final report to the Thirty-First Meeting of the Parties;

3. To request parties with any relevant scientific and technical information that may help inform the Scientific Assessment Panel and Technology and Economic Assessment Panel reports described in paragraphs 1 and 2 above to provide that information to the Secretariat by 1 March 2019;

4. To encourage parties, as appropriate and as feasible, to support scientific efforts, including for atmospheric measurements, to further study the unexpected emissions of CFC-11 in recent years;

5. To encourage relevant scientific and atmospheric organizations and institutions to further study and elaborate the current findings related to CFC-11 emissions as relevant and appropriate to their mandate, with a view to contributing to the assessment described in paragraph 1 above;

6. To request the Secretariat, in consultation with the secretariat of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol, to provide the parties with an overview outlining the procedures under the Protocol and the Fund with reference to controlled substances by which the parties review and ensure continuing compliance with Protocol obligations and with the terms of agreements under the Fund, including with regard to monitoring, reporting, and verification; to provide a report to the Open-ended Working Group at its forty-first meeting and a final report to the Thirty-First Meeting of the Parties;

7. To request all parties:

(a) To take appropriate measures to ensure that the phase-out of CFC-11 is effectively sustained and enforced in accordance with obligations under the Protocol;

(b) To inform the Secretariat about any potential deviations from compliance that could contribute to the unexpected increase in CFC-11 emissions.

B. Draft decision XXX/[B]: Access of parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 of the Montreal Protocol to energy-efficient technologies in the refrigeration, air-conditioning and heat-pump sectors

Submission by Rwanda on behalf of the African Group

The Thirtieth Meeting of the Parties decides:

Noting the imminent entry into force of the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol,

Recognizing the role of all United Nations bodies in supporting the global response to the threat of climate change and its increasing impacts worldwide,

Acknowledging that the effective implementation of the Kigali Amendment will require additional efforts to reduce greenhouse gases and will give rise to the opportunity to address energy efficiency concerns and contribute to the reduction of indirect emissions of greenhouse gases,

Cognizant that developing countries face the challenge posed by the pervasive entrance of inefficient, outdated and/or obsolete technologies into their markets,

Recognizing the opportunities cited by the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel in volume 5 of its May 2018 report, where it is noted that several categories of enabling activities can potentially serve to bridge activities related to enhancing or maintaining energy efficiency with hydrofluorocarbon phase-down activities,

1. To request financial support for parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 for the development and enforcement of policies and regulations to avoid the assembling and manufacturing of energy-inefficient refrigeration, air-conditioning and heat pump equipment as well as its import and penetration into their markets;

2. To approve a window for funding demonstration projects in parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 that can provide information on costs and cost-effectiveness as well as practical experience to inform discussions and decisions on maintaining energy efficiency in the servicing sector;

3. To request the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund to develop guidelines for bulk procurement processes that will allow aggregation of demands for equipment with high energy efficiency and lower global warming potential at affordable prices;

4. To request the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel to include in its annual reports updates on the cost and availability of lower-global-warming-potential refrigerants and energy-efficient equipment applicable to all, including high-ambient-temperature countries;

5. To request implementing agencies to facilitate the provision of targeted training on certification, safety and standards, awareness-raising and capacity-building that will assist parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 in maintaining and enhancing the energy efficiency of refrigeration, air-conditioning and heat-pump equipment.

C. Draft decision XXX/[C]: Review of the terms of reference, composition and balance as well as fields of expertise required of the assessment panels and their subsidiary bodies

Submission by Bahrain, Egypt, India, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and United Arab Emirates

The Thirtieth Meeting of the Parties decides:

Recalling decision VIII/19, in which the terms of reference of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel were adopted as set out in annex V of the report of the Eighth Meeting of the Parties, and decision XXIV/8, in which the terms of reference were revised,

Noting that the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and the technical options committees, through provision of independent technical and scientific assessments and information, have helped the parties reach informed decisions,

Recalling paragraph 5 (e) of decision VII/34, on the organization and functioning of the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel and specifically on efforts to increase the participation of experts from parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 in order to improve geographical expertise and balance,

Recalling also decision XXVIII/1, by which the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties adopted the amendment to the Montreal Protocol, leading to the phase-out of high-global-warming-potential hydrofluorocarbons, which are greenhouse gases leading to new challenges,

Recalling further decision XXVIII/3, in which the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Parties recognized that a phase-down of hydrofluorocarbons under the Montreal Protocol would present additional opportunities to catalyse and secure improvements in the energy efficiency of appliances and equipment,

Recognizing the importance of maintaining and/or enhancing energy efficiency while transitioning away from high-global-warming-potential hydrofluorocarbons to low-global-warming-potential alternatives in the refrigeration, air-conditioning and heat pump sectors,

1. To request the Ozone Secretariat to prepare a document, for the Open-ended Working Group at its forty-first meeting, on the assessment panels and their subsidiary bodies in view of changing circumstances, including the Kigali Amendment, including the following:

(a) Terms of reference, composition, and balance with regard to geography, representation of parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 and parties not so operating, and gender;

(b) The fields of expertise required for the upcoming challenges related to implementation of the Kigali Amendment, such as energy efficiency, climate benefits, safety, etc;

2. To invite the parties to provide their inputs to the Secretariat so that it can prepare the document for the consideration of the Open-ended Working Group at its forty-first meeting so that a decision regarding the document can be taken at the Thirty-First Meeting of the Parties.]

III. Placeholder draft decisions

A. [Draft decision XXX/[AA]: Status of ratification of the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol

The Thirtieth Meeting of the Parties decides:

1. To note that, as at [XX] November 2018, [XX] parties had ratified the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer;

2. To urge all parties that have not yet done so to ratify, approve or accede to the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol, in order to ensure broad participation and achieve the goals of the Amendment;

B. Draft decision XXX/[BB]: Financial reports and budgets for the Montreal Protocol

The Thirtieth Meeting of the Parties decides:

Recalling decision XXIX/24 on financial reports and budgets for the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer,

Taking note of the financial report for the Trust Fund for the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer for the fiscal year 2017,[1]

Recognizing that voluntary contributions are an essential complement for the effective implementation of the Montreal Protocol,

Welcoming the continued efficient management by the Secretariat of the finances of the Trust Fund for the Montreal Protocol,

1. To approve the revised budget for 2018 in the amount of [$XX] and the budget of [$XX] for 2019, and to take note of the budget for 2020, as set out in annex [XX] to the report of the Thirtieth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol;[2]

2. Also to approve the contributions to be paid by the parties of [$XX] for 2019 and to take note of the contributions of [$XX] for 2020, as set out in annex [XX] to the report of the Thirtieth Meeting of the Parties;

3. That the contributions of individual parties for 2019 and indicative contributions for 2020 shall be as listed in annex [XX] to the report of the Thirtieth Meeting of the Parties;

4. To reaffirm that a working capital reserve shall be maintained at a level of 15 per cent of the annual budget to be used to meet the final expenditures under the Trust Fund, noting that the working capital reserve shall be set aside from the existing fund balance;

5. To encourage parties and other stakeholders to contribute financially and by other means to assist the members of the three assessment panels and their subsidiary bodies with a view to ensuring their continued participation in assessment activities under the Montreal Protocol;

6. To express its appreciation that a number of parties have paid their contributions for 2018 and prior years, and to urge those parties that have not done so to pay both their outstanding contributions and their future contributions promptly and in full;

7. To request the Executive Secretary to enter into discussions with any party whose contributions are outstanding for two or more years with a view to finding a way forward, and also to report to the Thirty-First Meeting of the Parties on the outcome of those discussions to enable further consideration by the parties of how to address the matter;

8. To request the Secretariat to ensure the full utilization of programme support costs available to it in 2019 and later years and where possible to offset those costs against the administrative components of the approved budget;

9. Also to request the Secretariat to indicate in future financial reports of the Trust Fund the amounts of cash on hand and the status of contributions to the Trust Fund;

[1] UNEP/OzL.Pro.30/5.

[2] UNEP/OzL.Pro.30/[XX].

C. Draft decision XXX/[CC]: Membership of the Implementation Committee

The Thirtieth Meeting of the Parties decides:

1. To note with appreciation the work carried out by the Implementation Committee under the Non-Compliance Procedure for the Montreal Protocol in 2018;

2. To confirm the positions of Australia, Chile, Maldives, Poland and South Africa as members of the Committee for one further year and to select -------, -------, -------, ------- and ------- as members of the Committee for a two-year period beginning on 1 January 2019;

3. To note the selection of ------- (-------) to serve as President and ------- (-------) to serve as Vice-President and Rapporteur of the Committee for one year beginning on 1 January 2019;

D. Draft decision XXX/[DD]: Membership of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund

The Thirtieth Meeting of the Parties decides:

1. To note with appreciation the work carried out by the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol with the assistance of the Fund secretariat in 2018;

2. To endorse the selection of -------, -------, -------, -------, -------, ------- and ------- as members of the Executive Committee representing parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 of the Protocol and the selection of -------, -------, -------, -------, -------, ------- and ------- as members representing parties not so operating, for one year beginning 1 January 2019;

3. To note the selection of ------- (-------) to serve as Chair and ------- (-------) to serve as Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee for one year beginning 1 January 2019;

E. Draft decision XXX/[EE]: Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol

The Thirtieth Meeting of the Parties decides:

To endorse the selection of ------- (-------) and ------- (-------) as co-chairs of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol in 2019;

F. Draft decision XXX/[FF]: Thirty-First Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol

The Thirtieth Meeting of the Parties decides:

To convene the Thirty-First Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol in Rome in November 2019.]